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Dear Shri Tabom Bam,

I held a meeting on 28.9.2007 at Guwahati to review the progress of the execution of national highway works and the works related to improvement of other roads approved under various schemes / programmes of the Department, such as NHDP, SARDP-NE, CRF, E&I, ISC, etc. The meeting was attended by the Commissioners/Secretaries and Chief Engineers of PWD of all the 8 States of North Eastern Region, apart from the officers of Border Roads Organisation and National Highways Authority of India. I am enclosing a copy of the proceeding of the meeting.

While discussing SARDP-NE, which is a flagship programme of the Department to boost road infrastructure in the North East, it was decided that a State level Monitoring Committee headed by the Chief Secretary would be set up in each State to monitor the programme on a monthly basis. The Committee may include officers from PWD, Forest Department, Revenue Department, etc. who are connected with various aspects of implementation of road construction. Representatives of NHAI and BRO may be invited, as necessary. If need be, Chief Engineer of this Department dealing with NER will attend the meeting, as invitee. The Committee will keep this Department apprised of the outcome of monitoring.

I would be grateful, if you could take necessary steps to set up the Committee under your Chairmanship as mentioned above, if not done already, and to hold meetings of the same regularly every month. A list of roads of your State included under modified SARDP-NE, which have already been approved by the Government, is enclosed.

I look forward to hearing from you about the results of your review meetings, especially the issues and bottlenecks that you would like me to take up at my level.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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## **Proceeding of the meeting held by Secretary to Government of India, Department of Road Transport & Highways at Guwahati on 28.9.2007**

Shri Brahm Dutt, Secretary, Department of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India held a meeting on 28.09.2007 to review the progress of execution of National Highway works and the works relating to improvement of other roads approved by Central Government under various schemes/programmes of the Department. The meeting was attended by the Commissioners/Secretaries and Chief Engineers of PWD of State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim & Tripura, the officers of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

The Department of Road Transport & Highways has launched a comprehensive programme to construct 678 km long 4 – lane highway between Srirampur on West Bengal/Assam Border to Silchar as part of East-West corridor and improving 7616 km roads (8737 Km as per modified programme approved on 1.10.2007) in all the 8 States of NER under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme (SARDP-NE) to improve connectivity to all State Capital towns, District Headquarter towns, backward & remote areas and border areas, besides 4 laning of 1051 km National Highways stretches under NHDP-III to further improve connectivity of State capital towns. The size of the programme is estimated to over Rs. 50,000 crore. National Highways Authority of India, Border Road Organisation and PWDs of State Governments have roles in the execution of the works.

Delay in land acquisition, diversion of forest land, cutting of trees, shifting of telephone and electricity lines and security threat to workers and engineers working on the project has adversely affected the progress of East-West corridor in Assam. The present progress is only about 6% so far on an average. Shri Brahm Dutt discussed these issues with Shri P. P. Verma, Additional Chief Secretary and other senior officers of Government of Assam. Revenue Secretary promised to hand over possession of the balance 43% land to NHAI within a fortnight. It was also decided that the Chief Secretary will direct ground level officers of all the Departments to complete tree cutting and shifting of electrical lines on war footing, while NHAI will indicate priority of the sections of the road where all the activities have to be completed first. Shri Brahm Dutt directed the officers of NHAI to ensure that the Contractors speed up progress of construction on the ground, now that working season is going to start, so that the project (including bridge at Saraighat) is completed by April, 2010, as targeted. He expressed concern about the poor maintenance of roads and directed NHAI to ensure proper repair and upkeep of all the National Highways under their charge, particularly Khanapara – Jorabat section of NH-37.

SARDP-NE being the flagship programme of the Department to build roads in the North-East, the progress of construction of Phase ‘A’ of this

programme and preparation of Detailed Project Reports for the roads included on Phase 'B' was reviewed, comprehensively, by Shri Brahm Dutt, with State PWDs, BRO and NHAI and issues of coordination between BRO and the State Government officers of Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura were resolved. It was decided that State level monitoring Committee headed by Chief Secretary will be set up in all the States to monitor the programme on monthly basis. He announced setting up of a Task Force headed by Additional Director General of the Department to examine whether the existing NH-31A from Sevoke to Gangtok should be improved, or an entirely new 2-lane road should be laid from Ranipul to Sevoke.

While reviewing the progress of works relating to improvement and repair of National Highways under normal plan with BRO and State PWDs, Shri Brahm Dutt expressed dissatisfaction over the low expenditure on the sanctioned works and poor maintenance of some of the National Highways such as Jorabat – Barapani – Shillong section of NH-40, by Meghalaya PWD and Jowai – Badarpur section of NH-44 (including Sonapur and Malidhar locations) & Churaibari – Agartala section of NH-44 in Tripura by BRO and directed that Meghalaya PWD shall complete IRQP of 24 km length on Jorabat – Barapani section of NH-40 (sanctioned during 2006-07) on highest priority. He similarly directed BRO to complete IRQP of 88 km length of NH-44 from Churaibari to Agartala (sanctioned in December, 2006) on war footing and resolve the problems of Sonapur and Malidhar permanently. Shri Brahm Dutt further directed the accompanying Chief Engineer of his Department to approve estimates for repair and improvement of the remaining stretches between Jorabat – Barapani – Shillong. The Commissioners/Chief Engineers of all the States and BRO promised that the entire fund allocated for improvement and repair of National Highways will be utilised satisfactorily, now that working season has started. Based on the demand made by representatives of various States, Shri Brahm Dutt announced increased allocation of funds for 2007-08 from existing Rs. 100 crore to Rs. 203 crore for improvement of National Highways and Rs. 47 crore (against existing Rs. 27 crore) for Periodical Renewal of highways stretches to be executed by State PWDs of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland (PWDs of Sikkim and Tripura do not executed NH works). He further enhanced the sanction limit for the works relating to improvement of National Highways by the above State PWDs from existing Rs. 122 crore to Rs. 416 crore to cover critical stretches of roads and bridges. Shri Brahm Dutt further announced increased sanction of works under the schemes of Inter-State Connectivity and Central Road Funds in respect of Sikkim and Tripura.

Shri Brahm Dutt laid emphasis on construction of quality roads and directed that proper system and procedure should be evolved to ensure that all the roads are now constructed to international standards as the Government is approving projects with high per km cost of Rs. 2 crore and above under SARDP-NE.

## List of roads under modified SARDP-NE

**State : Arunachal Pradesh**

**Phase 'A'**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Category of road</b>	<b>Stretch/Scope of work</b>	<b>Length in Km</b>	<b>Implementing Agency</b>
1	NH 153 (Stilwell road)	2 laning of Ledo-Pangsu Pass section	32	Ar. Pradesh PWD
2	State road	Improvement of road from Lumla to Tashigong road via Dudunghar (Indo-Bhutan road)	36	BRO
3	Inter-Basin road	Improvement / 2 laning of Taliha-Tato road	100	BRO
4	Inter-Basin	Improvement / 2 laning of Migging –Bile road	76	BRO
<b>Total (Phase 'A')</b>			<b>244</b>	

**Phase 'B'**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Category of road</b>	<b>Stretch/Scope of work</b>	<b>Length in Km</b>	<b>Implementing Agency</b>
1	NH-52	2 laning of Jonai-Sitapani section	335	DoRT&H
2	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Vijaynagar – Miao road	157	BRO
3	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Miao – Jairampur road	32	BRO
4	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Jairampur (NH-153) – Lalpul Bridge	9	BRO
5	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Lalpul Bridge – Manmao road	32	BRO
6	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Manmao – Changlang road	44	BRO
7	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Changlang to Khimiyang road	35	BRO
8	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Khimiyang – Sangkuhavi road	33	BRO
9	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Sangkuhavi – Lazu road	40	BRO
10	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Lazu – Wakka road	75	BRO

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11	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Wakka – Khanu road	21	BRO
12	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Khanu – Konsa road	30	BRO
13	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Konsa – Pancho road	29	BRO
14	Indo-Myanmar	Improvement / 2 laning from Pancho – Nagaland Border road	25	BRO
15	State road	Improvement / 2 laning from Yingkiong to Bishing (Porgo via Gette-Pugging-Likor-Palig-Jido) road	160	BRO
16	State road	Improvement / 2 laning from Zido-Singha road	94	BRO
17	State road	Improvement / 2 laning from Pango-Jorging road	90	BRO
18	State road	Improvement / 2 laning from Sarkam point – Singa via Eko-Domping road	125	BRO
19	State road	2 laning from Yupia-Pappu road	10	Ar. Pradesh PWD
20	State road	2 laning from Seppa-Nechipu road	96	BRO
21	State road	2 laning from Koloriang – Joram road	158	BRO
22	State road	2 laning from Yingkiong-Pangin road	86	BRO
23	State road	2 laning from Anini-Meka road	235	BRO
24	State road	2 laning from Hawaii-Hawaii Camp road	126	BRO (118 km), Ar. P. PWD (8 Km)
25	State road	2 laning from Along-Bame road	31	BRO
26	State road	2 laning from Tawang-Balipara road	283	BRO
27	State road	2 laning from Ziro-Pahumara road	106	BRO
28	State road	2 laning from Lekabali-Daporizo road	210	BRO
		<b>Total (Phase 'B')</b>	<b>2707</b>	
		<b>Total (A+B)</b>	<b>2951</b>	